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16 MAR 1961

**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Acting Chief, DPD

**SUBJECT:** Ranking of OXCART Pilot Nominees

**REFERENCE:** Memorandum for the Record; dated  
16 January 1961; subject: OXCART Pilot  
Recruitment Criteria (OXC 1226)

1. Attached hereto is the preliminary operational ranking of the seventeen Air Force pilots which have been submitted by Colonel Geary to date, against the OXCART pilot requirement.
2. The operational criteria outlined in the referenced memorandum was used as the basis for ranking of pilots. However, air refueling experience was excluded as a mandatory qualification since pilots selected are programmed to receive two weeks of air refueling training in RF-101 aircraft while at Shaw Air Force Base. In addition, pilots not presently current in Century series aircraft have been ranked below those who are Century current. Subsequent pilot nominees will be evaluated using the same criteria and ranked against the aforementioned seventeen pilots.
3. The revised pilot's training schedule requires that the first group of eight pilots be identified and available to begin security assessment by 1 June 1961. Final recommendations for selection of these pilots will be forwarded 12 May 1961 for your approval.

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Chief, Special Projects Branch, DPD

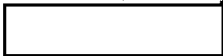
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